<u>REMARKS</u>

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The claims have been amended to add claims 11-22 and cancel 1-10. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By Joseph A. Kolasch, #22,4

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

JAK/rem 2964-0106PD

(Rev. 02/12/01)



VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

Claims 11-22 have been added.